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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to the issuance of cultural, specialty earmarked and new specialty earmarked motor vehicle registration plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-201(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (3):

(3)(A)(i) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary and except as otherwise provided by this subdivision, no cultural, specialty earmarked or new specialty earmarked motor vehicle registration plate shall be eligible for initial issuance on or after the effective date of this act, nor shall any act purporting to authorize the issuance of any such plate that is enacted on or after the effective date of this act be valid.

(ii) No proposed collegiate plate shall be eligible for initial administrative issuance by the department pursuant to §55-4-210(b) on or after the effective date of this act.

(B) Any cultural, specialty earmarked or new specialty earmarked plate authorized before January 1, 1999 that, prior to the effective date of this act, has met the minimum issuance and renewal requirements established by subdivision (b)(3) and continues to

meet such requirements shall continue to be issued and renewed subject to the conditions imposed by subdivision (c)(1). If any such plate fails to comply with the provisions of subdivision (c)(1), the issuance and renewal of such plate shall be discontinued and the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of such plate shall be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(C) Any cultural, specialty earmarked or new specialty earmarked plate that is in the process of having its eligibility for initial issuance determined by the department pursuant to subsection (d) shall qualify for initial issuance no later than June 30, 2000 or within one (1) year of the effective date of the act authorizing such plate, whichever date is later. If any such plate fails to qualify for initial issuance by the latter of the two (2) aforementioned dates, such plate shall not be issued and the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of such plate shall be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(D) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise restrict the issuance and renewal of personalized plates pursuant to §55-4-210(a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.